

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
MINUTES**

Approved: July 16, 2024

Call to Order: Buske called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Buske stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Laurie Buske, Jayson Merkel, John Lancaster, Andrea Kinsey-Jauquet, Kat Kerscher absent.

Also Present: Administrator Travis Thyssen and Treasurer Theresa Cain-Bieri.

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Cain-Bieri confirmed the agenda had been properly noticed.

Motion: (Kinsey-Jauquet, Merkel) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) *Motion: (Merkel, Kinsey-Jauquet) to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 meeting. Carried.*

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Invasive Species: Lancaster said potentially before the 8th of June or after the 15th of June for the Dames Rocket removal at Fish Creek Park. Date to be set at the next meeting.

Gardens: Buske has started a little bit.

Chair: Buske said this Friday stick pick up is from 8 to 10 a.m., bringing a rake might help. Thyssen received an email about the large beach water quality signs, we are passing on the signs right now.

Lighthouse: Leon Zellner said the building looked excellent and wintered well, the cistern is bone dry and contacted Waterscapes that it is ready to go and ready to have to done before Memorial Day Weekend. The van was hit by a tree, but think it can be repaired a bit as it still runs. The lighthouse tours have been coordinated with the Maritime Museum, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Presentation for Geese Control: Power point presentation from Mike Jones, USDA on options for controlling the geese on town properties.

Geese Control: *Motion:(Lancaster/Merkel) to hire the USDA for geese control on applicable town properties up to \$4500, roundup to be used for food pantry donation the first year with additional costs. Carried.*

Bench for Chambers Island: *Motion:(Kinsey-Jauquet/ Merkel) allow a bench to be placed at the Chambers Island Lighthouse for Joel and Maryann Blahnik. Carried.*

Tree Purchase: Noble Square and Clark Park: Buske said we received a tree donation for one large tree at Clark and one at Noble. Buske said the New Horizon Elm is a tree we have been using and doing really well in our parks. *Motion (Merkel/Kinsey-Jauquet) to purchase the trees from Bridenhagan for \$750/tree Carried.*

Special Event Request: Yoga, YMCA: The YMCA did Yoga last year at the Kinsey property last summer and would like to do the same, this year would be on Friday. *Motion (Merkel/Lancaster) to recommend to the town board to allow YMCA Yoga in the Park as a Special Event Request at the Kinsey property lawn. Carried.*

Schedule Next Meeting/Walk Thrus: The next meeting is May 14, 2024 at 7:30 am and include the Beach walk thru that day and meeting after. Walk thrus for Clark Park, Noble, and Sunset April 30, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. meet at Clark Park.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Merkel, Lancaster) to adjourn at 9:02 A.M. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Cain-Bieri, Treasurer